

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007, the Office noted that claims 1-19 were pending and rejected claims 1-19. Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 12 and 15 have been amended, claims 4-18, 13, 14 and 16-19 have been canceled, claim 20 has been added, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Brunner, U.S. Patent No. 5,771,275 in view of Yoshihara, U.S. Patent No. 6,643,291. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Brunner discusses a standard telephone network environment including cell phones, with differing cells of cell phones served from differing networks.

Yoshihara discusses a protocol conversion method where a first communicating device on a first protocol is connected to a second communicating device on a second protocol via conversion of each to a third protocol. The "communication terminal apparatus as discussed in Yoshihara provides "identification information" which appears sufficient to identify the terminal apparatus is in communication "the own apparatus."

On page 2 of the Office Action, it is asserted that Brunner, reference marks 16, 22, 42; col. 4, lines 25; and col. 10, lines 40-59 disclose "broadcasting or multi-casting from at least a first wireless network interface on a first wireless network capable device at least one data packet from the software including a request to join an ad-hoc network and a profile of the requesting device, the profile including the MAC address of the wireless network interface and the unique identifier of the software license instance," as in amended claim 1.

However, Brunner does not disclose a wireless ad-hoc network where the profile includes the MAC address of the wireless network interface and the unique identifier of the software license instance. Brunner does not disclose a MAC address or a software license's unique identifier. At most, Brunner discusses a subscriber profile at col. 10, lines 53-54. However, Brunner is silent as to what is included in the profile.

Further, Yoshihara is silent to profile information including MAC address or a software license's unique identifier.

Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in ¶ 0018 of the published Application. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendment of the claims.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Brunner and Yoshihara, taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of amended claims 1 and 15 and the claims dependent therefrom.

On page 4 of the Office Action, it is asserted that Yoshihara, reference mark PC1, of Fig. 2, discloses "wherein the wireless network capable device is a computer and the presence of responding devices is shown on the computer display," as in claim 9.

However, while the Applicants acknowledge that most PCs contain a display, nothing in Yoshihara discusses that the presence of the responding device is shown on the computer display.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claim 20 is new. Support for claim 20 can be found, for example, in ¶ 0046 of the published Application. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the inclusion of claim 20. The prior art fails to render obvious that the profile further includes an IP address.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-3, 9-12, 15 and 20 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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